

HOUSE BILL 2754

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 4, relative to temporary plates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-226(c)(4), is amended by designating the language as a new subdivision (c)(4)(A); by deleting the language "The commissioner is authorized and empowered to design" and substituting instead the language "Subject to subdivision (c)(4)(B), the commissioner is authorized and empowered to design"; and by adding the following as new subdivisions:

(B) Beginning January 1, 2023, the commissioner shall cause to be issued new temporary plates issued or reissued pursuant to this section of a distinctive design directed by the commissioner.

(C) The redesign of any temporary plates as provided for in subdivision (c)(4)(B) must only be effectuated upon the existing inventory of the temporary plates issued pursuant to this subdivision (c)(4) being utilized by the department.

(D) A person who counterfeits, copies, duplicates, manufactures, or assists in the counterfeiting, copying, duplicating, or manufacturing of a temporary plate with the intent to defraud commits a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and imprisonment for not less than thirty (30) days.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2022.